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UNDER CAPTION, "MEANY PLEDGES AFL/CIO SUPPORT FOR WI FARM WORKERS' EMPLOYMENT IN US", THE AGENCG FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE TALK BETWEEN AFL-CIO HEAD, GEORGE MEANY, AND JAMAICAN LABOR MINISTER WILLIAM W. ISAACS, DURING THE LATTER'S FEB 18-21 VISIT TO MIAMI: QTE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE POWERFUL AFL/CIO (A LABOUR UNION) IN THE UNITED STATES, MR. GEORGE MEANY HAS PLEDGED THE FULL SUPPORT OF HIS UNION TO HELP PREVENT PROPOSED STATE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY CURTAIL THE EMPLOYMENT OF JAMAICAN AND WEST INDIAN FARM WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE AMERICAN LABOUR LEADER PROMISED HIS SUPPORT WHEN HE HELD TALKS WITH LABOUR MINISTER, THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HON WILLIAM ISAACS IN MIAMI, EARLIER THIS WEEK.
MR. MEANY GAVE HIS UNION'S BACKING AGAINST A
STRONG LOBBY AIMED AT REPLACING WEST INDIAN FARM
WORKERS WITH PUERTO RICAN LABOUR.
THE NEW PROPOSED REGULATIONS WOULD MAKE IT
DIFFICULT FOR FARMERS TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF
MIGRANT WEST INDIAN WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW REGULATIONS ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE CHIEF JAMAICAN LIAISON OFFICER IN THE U.S. MR. HUGH H. EDWARD, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE TALKS. UNQTE. GERARD

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